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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, mostly steady in the Midwest, and in the East fully steady to firm, but about steady on smaller sizes. Retail and distributive demand was slow to moderate which is typical post-holiday interest. Food service was light to fairly good. Supplies were usually sufficient to well cleared, closest for heavier birds in the Northeast. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts and leg quarters were in the strongest positions with supplies close balanced to tight. The remaining items were at least adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range. The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price For 09/04 was 58.34, compared to 57.40 last week, and 58.40 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 8th September, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	172.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	27.00
WINGS	61.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 09/02/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	176,629	175,472	+101%
CHICKS PLACED	142,722	140,234	+102%

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending September 2, 2000. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 2, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 2, 2000, were 5.11 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.78 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was fully steady. Offerings in good balance with current needs. Demand by stores fairly good where features planned or in progress, particularly for parts; elsewhere only fair. Demand by restaurants and fast food moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Bone-in breasts and leg quarters remained firm with balance of parts generally steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Although demand was mostly light and unaggressive to fair, supplies were close balanced to short for trade for needs. In the parts structure, availability for breast items was short of an active call limiting further processing in some areas. Wings and dark meat were in good balance and receiving increased interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment mostly steady. Offerings of additional Wogs and whole birds very light; buyers cautious, selective and generally disinterested. Retail demand was light to occasionally moderate and as expected following the holiday. Retail features noted in Chicago on split breasts at 89 cents and leg quarters at 39 cents, and in Michigan on drums and thighs at 69 cents. Movement into food service channels light to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced with distributors buying hand to mouth. Weights generally desirable to instances heavy. Parts trading irregular with drums, thighs and breast items best call. Supplies were adequate for trade needs with leg quarters and whole breast in the tightest position. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on wings, mostly steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were irregular, with 2.5 pound sizes readily available at some locations. Heavier sizes especially 3 to 3.5 pound sizes were in close balance to tight and clearing satisfactorily. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the 3 to 3.5 pound sizes, about steady on the smaller sizes. In the parts market, bone-in breast and leg items were in close balance to tight. Other items were at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was centered mainly on the 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes and offerings were generally well cleared. Other sizes were noted as irregularly available, but at least adequate. Live supplies were moderate, weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, inquiry centered on the generally well balanced to close supply of legs, leg quarters and bone-in breasts. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 09/02/2000 WAS 12,871,217 @ 5.03 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.	
RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A 40-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.84
NO. OF BOXES	9,472

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 06, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	587	155.00-220.00	165-175	172.19
TENDERLOINS	176	205.00-250.00	205-210	211.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	81.00-85.00	82-84	82.76
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	84	31.00-43.00	32-34	31.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	546	23.00-26.00	23-25	23.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,165	26.00-27.00	-	26.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	84	54.00-59.00	54-56	56.54
WINGS (CUT)	504	65.00-87.00	67-69	70.18
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 06, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 52.50	49.14	48.27

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of bone-in breasts were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast were at least adequate. Other items were sufficient for trade needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady on bone-in breast and leg items, about steady on boneless skinless breast. Other items were mostly steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

SEPTEMBER 06, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	169.92	548,590
TENDERLOINS	180-185	196.98	142,350
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.06	296,497
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	79.39	131,240
LEGS	33-34	36.82	287,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.86	841,329
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.28	217,050
THIGHS	27-28	31.83	189,110
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.99	46,770
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.26	451,990
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	77,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.30	59,650
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.58	53,520

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/06 09/05	09/04 09/01	09/04 09/01	08/30 08/28	
ALA	3,895 3,824	(A) 4,084	(A) 4.69	3,868 4.99	
ARK	5,438 5,253	(A) 4,627	(A) 4.66	5,068 4.70	
DELMARVA	2,378 2,395	(A) 3,133	(A) 4.96	2,439 5.13	
KY-LA-TN	1,909 1,910	Holiday 2,659	Holiday 4.21	2,052 4.42	
MISS	2,832 2,771	(A) 3,269	(A) 4.99	2,782 5.11	
NC	2,636 2,647	Holiday 2,932	Holiday 6.01	2,595 5.90	
TEXAS	2,303 2,317	(A) 2,107	(A) 4.42	2,299 4.74	
TOTAL	21,391 21,117	4,088 22,811	4.48 4.81	21,103 4.98	
MON-WED	46,768 (B)			63,575 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Sep 00 is estimated to be 32,003,000 up 2.66 percent from a week ago and up 5.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,265,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289-299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-96
	DRY PACK 103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 98
DUCKS	149-165

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT-9-00

	CURRENT WEEK 09/09/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/02/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	137,735 (2)	164,472
LT HENS	1,490	1,799
HVY HENS	1,340	1,661
CHECK TOTAL	140,565	167,932

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Sep-00 is 148.8 million head compared to 136.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 138.0 million head or 10.8 million less than estimated available. For week of 16-Sep-00 the estimated available is 149.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 1-Sep-00	167,656	75,194
AM 1-Aug-00	163,317	91,580
CHG	4,339	-16,386
PCT CHG	3	-18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/4/00	08/28/00	09/7/99	09/4/00	08/28/00	09/7/99
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES						
COAST	24,279	22,528	39,936	11,514	12,456	16,812
LOS						
ANGELES	316	233	1,056	4,057	4,454	6,754

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 09/05/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.95	.38	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.35	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.15	.80	.51	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.40	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.10	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.60	1.40	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	2.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.55	1.20	.73	ROOSTERS ea.	.50	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	9.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.00	.88	DUCKS ea.	2.00	3.25	-
RABBITS lb.	-	1.35	-	RABBITS ea.	.70	2.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.85	1.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.00	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	2.00	6.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.25	-				

TOTAL COOPS 81

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF September 04, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-56
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-62

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

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